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LN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

SHOFFNER

Group Art Unit:

Appln. No. 07/021,237

Examiner: Taylor

Filed: March 3, 1987

For: PRELUBRICATED INNERDUCT

June 2, 1989

## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 2, 1988, kindly enter the following Amendment and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

(Twice Amended) A <u>relatively flexible</u> coextruded plastic tube for slidably receiving and providing a protective housing for a cable [having a permanently lubricated inner surface], said tube consisting essentially of a pair of telescopically related inner and outer cylindrical portions, said inner portion being formed [form] from a highly lubricous polymeric material to provide a permanently lubricated inner 040 06/05/89 021237 1 217 215.00 tk surface for the tube which has a low coefficient of friction to enable substantially low friction placement of the cable therewithin and said outer portion being formed from a high